(d) the changes recently effected/proposed during the current year and during the Ninth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Health care system for rural areas

†699. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bhorey Committee had made suggestions to Government for setting up health care system in rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details of the said suggestions, alongwith the scheme implemented by Government on the basis of these suggestions; and

(c) the names of States where the said scheme is in operation at present and the number of villages in each State where the same is in operation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Bhorey Committee recognised the inter-sectoral efforts required to provide basic health services to the community. Besides suggesting a health system design for the future development of

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health services in the country. The Committee laid special emphasis on certain basic essentials like suitable housing, sanitary surroundings and provision of safe drinking water, Development of health services were considered as an integral part of the socio-economic development and as such among their recommendations, the Committee also recommended Government's efforts towards elimination of unemployment, provision of minimum wages for all an improvement in agricultural and industrial construction.

On the recommendations the programme of establishing Primary Health Centres in each Community Development Block was launched in 1952. Subsequently, over the past 45 years the health services organisation and infrastructure have undergone extensive changes and extension in stages following review by a number of Expert Committee.

(c) At present, the Primary Health Care infrastructure has been developed as a three-tier system in the entire country and consist of Sub-centres, Primary Health Centres and Community Health Centres as per the following population norms:—

Centre	Population Norms	
	Plain Area	Hilly/Tribal Area
Sub-Centre	5000	3000
PHC	30000	20000
CHC	120000	80000

The network of Sub-centres, Primary Health Centres and Community Health Centres covers the rural areas of entire country.